518 out as a whirlwind to scatter °me: their °rejoicing *was* ° as to devour the °poor secretly.

J[3] 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with Thine [8]horses, *through* the °heap of great waters.

F G 16 °When I heard, my °belly trembled; my lips quivered at the° voice: °rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in °myself, °that I might rest in the day of trouble: when °he cometh up °unto the people, °he will invade them with his troops.

H 17 °Although the °fig tree °shall not °blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the °vines; the labour of the °olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in [2]the LORD, I will joy in the °God of my salvation.

19 [2]The LORD °God *is* my °strength, and He °will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and °He will make me to walk upon mine high places.

E °To the chief singer on °my stringed instruments.

me: i.e. me [who am Thy People].
rejoicing. Cp. Ps. 10. 8, 9.
as=in very deed. *Kaph* (כ=K) *veritatis.*
poor. Heb. *'ānāh.* See note on "poverty", Prov. 6. 11.
15 heap=foaming.
16 When I heard. See the Structure ("*G*", p. 1269).
belly=body.
voice=voice [saying].
rottenness=decay. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "restlessness".
myself. Place a full stop here, and commence a new sentence.
that I might=O that I might find (or be at) rest, &c.
he: i.e. the invader.
unto=against.
he will invade=he will overcome. Heb. *gūd.* Occurs only here, and Gen. 49. 19.
17 Although. Heb. *kī*, as in 2 Sam. 23. 5; but must be understood not as being hypothetical, but as bringing out the antithesis with *v.* 18 (cp. Job 8. 7).
fig tree . . . vines . . . olive. See note on Judg. 9. 8–12.
blossom. The edible fig, which is the blossom: i.e. the receptacle containing a large number of minute unisexual flowers growing to a succulent. The Heb. text therefore and the A.V. rendering are both scientifically correct.
18 God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.
God of my salvation. Cp. Pss. 18. 46; 24. 5; 25. 5; 27. 9. Isa. 17. 10, &c.
19 God. Heb. Adonai. Ap. 4. VIII (2). **strength**=might, or force. Cp. Ps. 18. 32. **will make, &c.** Cp. 2 Sam. 1. 23; 23. 24. 1 Chron. 12. 8. Ps. 18. 33. **He will make me, &c.** Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 32. 13; 33. 29). Ap. 92. Cp. Amos 4. 13. Mic. 1. 3. **To the chief singer.** See Ap. 64. The same word here. **my stringed instruments.** Heb. *neginōth.* Referring to the smitings of Jehovah on the enemies of Israel (*v.* 16). See Ap. 65. XV.

ZEPHANIAH.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AS A WHOLE.

E[2] | **A**[1] | 1. 1—3. 8. MINATORY.
| **A**[2] | 3. 9–20. PROMISSORY.

For the CANONICAL order and place of the Prophets, see Ap. 1, and pp. 1206 and 1207.
For the CHRONOLOGICAL order of the Prophets, see Ap. 77.
For the Inter-relation of the Prophetic Books, see Ap. 78.
For the *Formulæ* of Prophetic Utterance, see Ap. 82.
For References to the Pentateuch by the Prophets, see Ap. 92.
For the Inter-relation of the Minor (or Shorter) Prophets, see pp. 1206 and 1207.

The last of the Prophets immediately preceding the Captivity.

Unlike all the other Prophets, Zephaniah's genealogy is traced back for four generations; and, as Hezekiah of Prov. 25. 1 and Hizkiah of Zeph. 1. 1 are the same word in Hebrew as Hezekiah King of Judah, he was not improbably his great-great-grandson.

Zephaniah's prophecy is dated in 1. 1, as being given "in the days of Josiah". In ch. 2. 13 he says that Assyria shall be destroyed, and Nineveh made a desolation. Therefore it was before the fall of Nineveh, 515 B.C. according to *The Companion Bible* dating (Ap. 50), or 625 B.C. (according to "received" dating).

Zephaniah was the contemporary of Jeremiah. By a comparison with 2 Kings 23, which records the destruction of "the *remnant* of Baal" (Zeph. 1. 4), Josiah's reformation had not been completed. The prophecy may therefore be dated as coming between the twelfth and the eighteenth year of Josiah—say 518 B.C., or about three years before the fall of Nineveh.

ZEPHANIAH.

A A (p. 1272) 518

1 °THE word of °the LORD which °came unto °Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of °Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.

2 "I will °utterly °consume °all *things* from off °the °land, °saith [1] the LORD.

3 °I will [2]consume °man and beast; I will [2]consume the fowls of the heaven, °and the fishes of the sea, °and the °stumblingblocks °with °the wicked; and I will cut off °man from off the [2]land, [2]saith [1] the LORD.

D **4** I will also stretch out °Mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the °remnant of Baal from this place, °*and* the name of the °Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them that °worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship *and* that swear by [1]the LORD, and that swear by °Malcham;

6 And them that are turned back °from [1]the LORD; and *those* that have not °sought °the LORD, nor °enquired for Him.

B E G **7** °Hold thy peace at the presence of °the Lord °GOD: for the day of [1]the LORD *is* at hand: for [1]the LORD hath prepared °a sacrifice, He hath °bid his guests.

H J **8** And it shall come to pass in °the °day of [1]the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will °punish the princes, and the king's °children, and all such as are clothed with °strange apparel.

K **9** In the same day also will I punish all °those that leap °on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with °violence and deceit.

J **10** And it shall come to pass in that day,

1. 1—3. 8 (**A**[1], p. 1271). MINATORY.
(*Alternations and Introversion.*)

A[1] | A | C | 1. 1-3. Judgments. General. The Land.
D | 1. 4-6. Judah and Jerusalem.
B | E | 1. 7-18. The Day of Jehovah.
F | 2. 1-3. Call to Repentance.
A | *C* | 2. 4-15. Judgments. General. Nations.
D | 3. 1-5. Jerusalem.
B | *F* | 3. 6, 7. Charge of Impenitence.
E | 3. 8. The Day of Jehovah.

1 The word, &c. Cp. Hos. 1. 1. Joel 1. 1. Mic. 1. 1. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
came = became: i. e. came to, or was communicated. Cp. Luke 3. 2. See Ap. 82.
Zephaniah = hidden of Jehovah, or he whom Jehovah hath hidden (Pss. 27. 5; 31. 19, 20; 83. 3). For the connection see 2. 3. Hizkiah = Hezekiah.
2 utterly consume. Note the Fig. *Paronomasia* (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. *'āṣoph 'āṣēph* = to end, I end.
consume = take away, or make an end of.
all. Omit "things". = All; as in Job 42. 2. Ps. 8. 6. Isa. 44. 24.
the land. Fig. *Pleonasm* (Ap. 6) = the face of the land. land = soil, or ground.
saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle.
3 I will consume. Note the Fig. *Anaphora* (Ap. 6). Three times repeated.
man. Heb. *'ādām* with *'eth* = humanity. Ap. 14. I.
and. Note the Fig. *Polysyndeton* (Ap. 6), for emphasis.
stumblingblocks = ruin. Occurs only here, and Isa. 3. 6. Fig. *Metalepsis*. Ap. 6. "Stumblingblocks" put first for the idols and idolatry, and then idolatry put for the ruin brought about by them.
with = together with. Heb. *'eth*.
the wicked = the lawless ones. Heb. *rāshā'*. Ap. 44. x.
4 Mine hand. Fig. *Anthropopatheia*. Ap. 6.
remnant. Sept. reads "names", reading *shēm* instead of *she'ār*, as in the next clause.
and. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this "and" in the text.
Chemarims = *Kemarīm* = black-robed, or cassocked. From Heb. *Kāmar*, to be black. Used of idolatrous priests because so clothed; not *Kohēn*, as appointed by Jehovah. Occurs only here; 2 Kings 23. 5, and Hos. 10. 5.
5 worship the host of heaven. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 19; 17. 3). Ap. 92. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 11, 12. Jer. 19. 13. Malcham = king-god, or king-idol. Syr. and Vulg. read "Milcom". **6** from = from after. sought . . . enquired. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 29, where the two Heb. verbs are in the same order, and are rendered "seek . . . seek"). Ap. 92. LORD. Heb. Jehovah (with *'eth*) = Jehovah Himself.

1. 7-18 (E, above). THE DAY OF JEHOVAH. (*Alternation.*)

E | G | 7. Its nearness.
H | 8-13. Judgments.
G | 14-16. Its nearness.
H | 17, 18. Judgments.

7 Hold thy peace, &c. See Amos 6. 10. Hab. 2. 20. Zech. 3. 13. the Lord. Heb. Adonai. Ap. 4. VIII (2). GOD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. a sacrifice. Sept. reads "His sacrifice".
bid = separated. Heb. sanctified. See note on Ex. 3. 5.

1. 8-13 (H, above). JUDGMENTS. (*Alternation.*)

H | J | 8. Princes.
K | 9. People.
J | 10, 11. Merchants.
K | 12, 13. People.

8 the day of the LORD'S sacrifice. See notes on Isa. 2. 12; 13. 6. day. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the judgments executed in it. punish = visit upon. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 32. 34). Ap. 92. Cp. Jer. 9. 25; 11. 22; 13. 21, &c. children = sons: i. e. the royal house. Cp. 1 Kings 22. 26. 2 Kings 11. 2. Jer. 36. 26; 38. 6, &c. strange = foreign. **9** those that leap, &c. No reference to idolatrous practice, as in 1 Kings 18. 26; but to the servants of rulers sent to enter the houses of others and steal. Fig. *Periphrasis* (Ap. 6), for robbers. on = over. violence and deceit. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the booty procured.

518 [2]saith [1]the LORD, *that there shall be* °the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from °the second, and a great crashing from the hills.
11 Howl, ye inhabitants of °Maktesh, for all the merchant people are °cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

K (p. 1272a) 12 And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with °candles, and punish the °men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, [1]'The LORD will not do good, neither will He do °evil.'
13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: °they shall also build houses, but not inhabit *them;* and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the °wine thereof.

G 14 °The great [8]day of [1]the LORD °*is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of [8]the [8]day of [1]the LORD: the °mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
15 That [8]day *is* a day of °wrath, a day of °trouble [3]and distress, a day of wasteness [3]and desolation, a day of darkness [3]and gloominess, a day of clouds [3]and thick darkness,
16 A day of °the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high °towers.

H 17 And I will bring distress upon [3]men, that °they shall walk like blind men, because they have °sinned against [1]the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of [1]the LORD'S wrath; but the whole °land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: °for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the °land."

F **2** °Gather yourselves together, yea, °gather together, O nation °not desired;
2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the °day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of °the LORD come upon you, before the day of °the LORD'S anger come upon you.
3 °Seek ye [2]the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His °judgment; °seek righteousness, °seek meekness: it may be °ye shall be hid in the [2]day of the [2]LORD'S anger.

A C L[1] (p. 1273) 4 °For °Gaza shall be °forsaken, and °Ashkelon a °desolation: they shall drive out °Ashdod °at the noon day, and °Ekron shall be °rooted up.
5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the °sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of [2]the LORD *is* against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.
6 And the [5]sea coast shall be °dwellings *and* °cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.
7 And the coast shall °be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of [4]Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for [2]the LORD their °God °shall visit °them, and turn away their captivity.

L[2] 8 °"I have heard the reproach of °Moab, and

10 the noise of a cry. Fig. *Pleonasm.* Ap. 6.
the second = the new city. See note on 2 Kings 22. 14.
11 Maktesh = the mortar. Probably the local name of the merchants' quarter in the Tyropœon valley, west of Zion. Ap. 68, p. 100. So called from its basin-like shape.
cut down = laid low.
12 candles = lamps.
men. Heb. pl. of *'ĕnōsh.* Ap. 14. III.
evil = harm. Heb. *rā'a'.* Ap. 44. viii.
13 they shall also build, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 30, 39). Ap. 92. Cp. Amos 5. 11. Mic. 6. 15; and contrast Isa. 65. 21. Amos 9. 14.
wine. Heb. *yayin.* Ap. 27. I.
14 The great day, &c. Cp. Isa. 22. 5. Joel 2. 1, &c.
is near, &c. Heb. [is] near, near. Fig. *Epizeuxis* (Ap. 6), for emphasis: i. e. very near.
mighty man. Heb. *gibbōr.* Ap. 14. IV.
15 wrath . . . trouble, &c. Note the Fig. *Synonymia* (Ap. 6).
16 the trumpet and alarm = an alarming trumpet. Fig. *Hendiadys* (Ap. 6) = a trumpet, yea, a trumpet [call] "to arms"! Cp. 2. 2.
towers. Heb. corners. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the towers usually fixed there.
17 they shall walk, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 29).
sinned. Heb. *ḥāṭā'.* Ap. 44. i.
18 land. Not the same word as in *vv.* 2, 3.
for. Ginsburg thinks this should be "yea".

2. 1 Gather = Collect. Heb. *kāshash.* Occurs only in Ex. 5. 7, 12. Num. 15. 32, 33. 1 Kings 17. 10, 12. It is not the same word as in 3. 8, 18; or in 3. 19, 20. See the notes there.
not desired = not desirable. Fig. *Antimereia* (of Verb), Ap. 6.
2 day = judgment. See note on 1. 8.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
3 Seek . . . seek. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 29), as in 1. 6.
judgment = ordinances; as in Isa. 58. 2. Jer. 8. 7.
ye shall be hid. Referring to Isa. 26. 20, and the meaning of the name Zephaniah.

2. 4–15 (*C*, p. 1272). JUDGMENTS. GENERAL. NATIONS. (*Division.*)

C	L[1]	4–7. Gaza. West.
	L[2]	8–11. Moab and Ammon. East.
	L[3]	12. Ethiopians. South.
	L[4]	13–15. Assyria. North.

4 For Gaza. Supply the logical *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6), here, and in *vv.* 8, 12, 13; 3. 1, thus: "[Mine anger shall be upon Gaza, saith the LORD], For", &c.
Gaza . . . forsaken. Note the Fig. *Paronomasia* (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. *'azzāh . . . 'ăzūbah.*
Ashkelon. Now *'Askalan,* on the coast of Philistia.
desolation = ruin. Long since fulfilled.
Ashdod. Now *Esdūd.* The same as Azotus in Acts 8. 40.
at the noon day: i.e. during the noon day siesta.
Ekron . . . rooted up. Note the Fig. *Paronomasia* (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. *'eḳrōn . . . te'aḳer.*
5 sea coast: or, country by the sea.
6 dwellings = pastures.
cottages = pens.
7 be for. Supply the *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) = "be for [a possession] to".
God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.
shall visit them. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 50. 24. Ex. 3. 16). Ap. 92.
them: i. e. the remnant of Judah.
8 I have heard. Supply the logical *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6): "[My judgment shall come upon Moab], for I have heard", &c., as in *v.* 8, &c.
Moab. Cp. Isa. 15 and 16. Jer. 48. Amos 2. 1–3.

518 the revilings of the °children of °Ammon, whereby they have °reproached My People, and magnified *themselves* against their border.
9 Therefore *as* ℑ live, °saith °the LORD of hosts, °the [7]God of Israel, Surely [8]Moab °shall be as Sodom, and the [8]children of Ammon as Gomorrah, *even* °the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of My People shall spoil them, and the remnant °of My °People shall °possess them.
10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have [8]reproached and magnified *themselves* against the People of [9]the LORD of hosts.
11 [2]The LORD *will be* terrible unto them: for He will °famish all the gods of the earth; and *men* shall worship Him, every one from his place, *even* all °the °isles of the °heathen.

L[3] (p. 1273) 12 °𝔜e Ethiopians also, ye *shall be* slain by My sword.

L[4] 13 °And He will °stretch out His hand against °the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, *and* dry like a wilderness.
14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, °all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the °upper lintels of it; *their* voice shall sing in the windows; desolation *shall be* in the thresholds: for He shall uncover the °cedar work.
15 This *is* the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, 'ℑ *am*, and *there is* none beside me:' how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and* °wag his hand."

D (p. 1272) **3** °Woe to °her that is °filthy and °polluted, to the oppressing city!
2 She obeyed not the voice; °she received not °correction; she °trusted not in °the LORD; °she drew not near to her °God.
3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they °gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
4 Her prophets *are* °light *and* °treacherous persons: her priests have °polluted the sanctuary, they have °done violence to the law.
5 The just [2]LORD *is* °in the midst thereof; He will not do °iniquity: °every morning doth He bring His judgment to light, He faileth not; but the °unjust knoweth no shame.

B F 6 I have cut off the nations: their °towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.
7 I said, "Surely thou wilt fear 𝔐e, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* °corrupted all their doings.

E 8 °Therefore wait ye °upon Me, °saith [2]the LORD, until the day that I rise up °to the prey: for My determination *is* to °gather the nations, that I may °assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them Mine indignation, *even* all My fierce anger: °for all the earth shall be devoured with °the fire of My jealousy.

children = sons.
Ammon. Cp. Jer. 49. 1-6. Amos 1. 13-15.
reproached. See Judg. 11. 12-28.
9 saith the LORD of hosts = [is] the oracle of Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 1 Sam. 1. 3.
the God of Israel. See note on Isa. 29. 23.
shall be as Sodom. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 19. 24, 25). Ap. 92.
the breeding of nettles, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 29. 23, &c.). Ap. 92.
of My People. Some codices, with two early printed editions (one Rabbinic), read "of the nations".
People = nation.
possess = inherit.
11 famish = cause to waste away.
the isles of the heathen = the coast-lands of the nations. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 10. 5). Ap. 92. The phrase occurs nowhere else.
isles = coast-lands. heathen = nations.
12 𝔜e. See note on "For", *v.* 4.
13 And He. See note on "For", *v.* 4.
stretch out His hand. Idiom for executing judgment.
the north: i.e. against Assyria, because although west of Canaan, the road and entrance was by the north.
14 all = all kinds of. Fig. *Synecdoche* (of Genus), Ap. 6.
upper lintels = chapiters, or carved capitals.
cedar work: i.e. the wainscotting.
15 wag his hand. Idiom expressive of derision.

3. 1 Woe = Alas for! See note on "For", 2. 4.
her: i.e. Jerusalem. See the Structure, p. 1272.
filthy = rebellious.
polluted. Heb. *gā'al*, (1) to redeem: (2) to make or deem common or unclean. A *Homonym*, with two meanings. Not the same word as in *v.* 4.
2 she received not. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Syr., and Vulg., read "neither hath she accepted". correction = discipline.
trusted = confided. Heb. *baṭaḥ*. Ap. 69. I. Not the same word as in *v.* 12.
the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.
she drew not near, &c. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "neither unto her God hath she drawn near".
God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.
3 gnaw not: or, reserve not.
4 light = reckless.
treacherous persons = men (Heb. *'ĕnōsh*, Ap. 14. III) of treacheries; placing the emphasis on the treachery.
polluted = profaned. Heb. *ḥālal*. Not the same word as in *v.* 1. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 19. 8; 21. 23; 22. 15. Num. 18. 32). Ap. 92.
done violence, &c. Cp. Jer. 2. 8. Ezek. 22. 26.
5 in the midst thereof. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 5. 3. Deut. 7. 21). Ap. 92. Cp. *v.* 15.
iniquity. Heb. *'āvāh*. Ap. 44. vi.
every morning = morning by morning. See Ps. 101. 8.
unjust = perverse. Heb. *'āvāl*. See Ap. 44. vi.
6 towers. See note on 1. 16.
7 corrupted, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 6. 12, same word). Ap. 92.
8 Therefore, &c. The *Massōrah* (Ap. 30 and 93) calls attention to the fact that this verse (*v.* 8) contains all the letters of the Heb. alphabet, including the five final letters. This implies that the verse takes in the whole purpose of Jehovah concerning Israel.
upon: or, for.
saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle.
to the prey. Sept. and Syr. read "as a witness", reading *'ēd* instead of *'ad*. Cp. Mic. 2. 2.
gather = gather in. Not the same word as in 2. 1.
assemble = gather out.
for all the earth. See 1. 18; and cp. the Structure ("E" and "*E*"), p. 1272.
the fire of My jealousy. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 24).

A² M P (p. 1275) 518 9 For °then will I turn to the °people °a °pure language, °that they may all call upon the name of ²the LORD, to serve Him with one °consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My °suppliants, *even* °the daughter of My dispersed, shall bring Mine offering.

Q 11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast °transgressed against Me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty °because of °My holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor People, and they shall °trust in °the name of ²the LORD.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do ⁵iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: °for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid."

N R 14 °Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

S 15 ²The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, He hath cast out thine °enemy: the king of Israel, *even* ²the LORD, *is* °in the midst of thee:

O thou shalt not °see °evil any more.

N R 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, °"Fear thou not:" *and to* Zion, "Let not thine hands °be slack."

S 17 ²The LORD thy ²God ⁵in the midst of thee °*is* mighty; He will save, °He will rejoice over thee with joy; He °will rest in His love, He will joy °over thee with singing.

M P 18 "I will ⁸gather *them that are* °sorrowful for the °solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* °a burden.

19 °Behold, at that time I will °undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and °gather her that was driven out; and °I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I ¹⁹gather you: °for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth,

Q when I °turn back your captivity before your eyes, °saith ²the LORD.

3. 9-20 (A², p. 1271). PROMISSORY.
(*Introversion and Alternations.*)

A² | M | P | 9, 10. Good bestowed. Gentiles and Israel. Conversion.
Q | 11–13. Evil removed.
N | R | 14. Zion and Jerusalem to praise. (Positive.)
S | 15–. Jehovah in the midst.
O | –15. Evil no more seen.
N | R | 16. Zion and Jerusalem. Not to Fear. (Negative.)
S | 17. Jehovah in the midst.
M | P | 18–20–. Good bestowed. Israel and Gentiles. Restoration.
Q | –20. Evil removed.

9 then: i.e. after all that is implied in *v.* 8. Note the order of the blessings in "P": Gentiles first, and Israel after; but in "*P*", Israel first, and Gentiles after.

people = peoples.

a pure language = a lip purified: i.e. a clean lip in contrast with "unclean" lips (Isa. 6. 5).

pure = separated from that which is impure or unclean. Heb. *bārar*, as in Ezek. 20. 38. Isa. 52. 11. Dan. 11. 35; 12. 10. The reference is, to being made fit for the worship of Jehovah, as the next clause shows. Cp. 1. 4, 5.

that they may. Some codices, with Syr., and Vulg., read "and may".

consent. Heb. shoulder. Put by Fig. *Metonymy* (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the service rendered by it. It is not the Fig. *Metaphor* as alleged.

10 suppliants = worshippers. Heb. *'āthār*. Occurs in this sense nowhere else. From *'āthar* = to burn incense (Ezek. 8. 11); hence to pray or worship.

the daughter of My dispersed: i.e. My dispersed People [Israel].

11 transgressed. Heb. *pāsha'*. Ap. 44. ix.

because of = in.

My. The 1611 edition of the A.V. reads "Mine".

12 trust = flee for refuge to. Heb. *ḥaṣah*. Ap. 69. II. Not the same word as in *v.* 2.

the name. See note on Ps. 20. 1.

13 for they shall feed, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26. 5, 6). Ap. 92.

14 Sing, &c. Fig. *Pœonismus*. Ap. 6.

15 enemy. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "foes" (pl.).

in the midst, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 7. 21).

see. The Codex Hillel, quoted in the *Massōrah*, (Ap. 30 and 93) with some codices, three early printed editions (one Rabbinic, marg.), Aram., and Vulg., read, 'fear"; but other codices, with nine early printed editions, Sept. (?), and Vulg., read "see", as in A.V.

evil = calamity. Heb. *rā'a'*. Ap. 44. viii.

16 Fear thou not. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 7. 21). Ap. 92.

be slack = hang down.

17 is mighty; He will save. The Heb. accents place the chief pause or emphasis on "save", implying not that He will save at some future time, but that He is an ever-present Saviour. Read "Jehovah thy Elohim is in the midst of thee, mighty to save [at all times]".

Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 10. 17). Ap. 92. **He will rejoice**, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 30. 9). Ap. 92. **will rest**. Heb. will be silent. Sept. reads "will renew thee", reading ר (= ד) instead of ר (= ר). **over thee**. The Heb. accent places the emphasis on these two words. **18 sorrowful for**. Supply the *Ellipsis* (Ap. 6) = "sorrowful for [the cessation of]". **solemn assembly** = appointed season. **a burden**. Some codices, with one early printed edition (Rabbinic, marg.), Aram., and Syr., read "a burden on thee". **19 Behold**. Fig. *Asterismos*. Ap. 6. **undo** = deal with. **gather** = gather out, bring together what has been dispersed. Heb. *ḳabaẓ*, as in *v.* 20. Not the same word as in *vv.* 8, 18, or as in 2. 1. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 30. 3, 4). Ap. 92. **I will get them**, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 26. 19). Ap. 92. **20 for I will make you**, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 26. 19). Ap. 92. **turn back your captivity**. Heb. pl. Idiom for restoring blessings as aforetime. See note on Deut. 30. 3. **saith** = hath said.